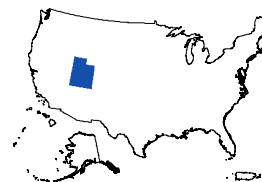


2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Customer Focus—

The remote and often inhospitable expanse of Utah's west desert seems an unlikely place for a thriving and productive ranch. But amid the desert's desolation, lies an oasis of water and life. Those who care for this unique and beautiful land, the people of the Goshute Indian Reservation, are working to ensure its long-term sustainability and vitality.

Thanks to an ongoing cooperative effort with NRCS, the Goshute people have made a commitment to protect and enhance the natural resources on the reservation. One of the latest projects in that conservation effort was an EQIP project to help provide more effective range management techniques on the land. As part of the 113,000-acre project, more than 10 miles of underground pipelines were installed to provide water for livestock from water sources to various points of use. In addition, prescribed grazing techniques have been employed to meet the needs of the soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources.

The rangeland improvements not only provide additional resources for livestock, but the increased forage capacity of the land has substantially improved wildlife habitat. As a result, the sale of big game permits will continue to provide additional revenue for the reservation for many years to come.

Utah Summary

Overview

Utah received requests for \$15,300,000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Geographic Priority Area Projects. This represented 56 local workgroup projects. The Ute Tribe requested \$950,000.

Accomplishments

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was able to assist in developing 159 contracts to obligate the \$3,287,283 allocated to Utah. The Ute Tribe was allocated \$334,374 GPA's, and \$23,000 was obligated for educational assistance to the tribe. Well over 75 percent of EQIP dollars went for water quality projects, and over 85 percent related to benefiting livestock.

Outlook

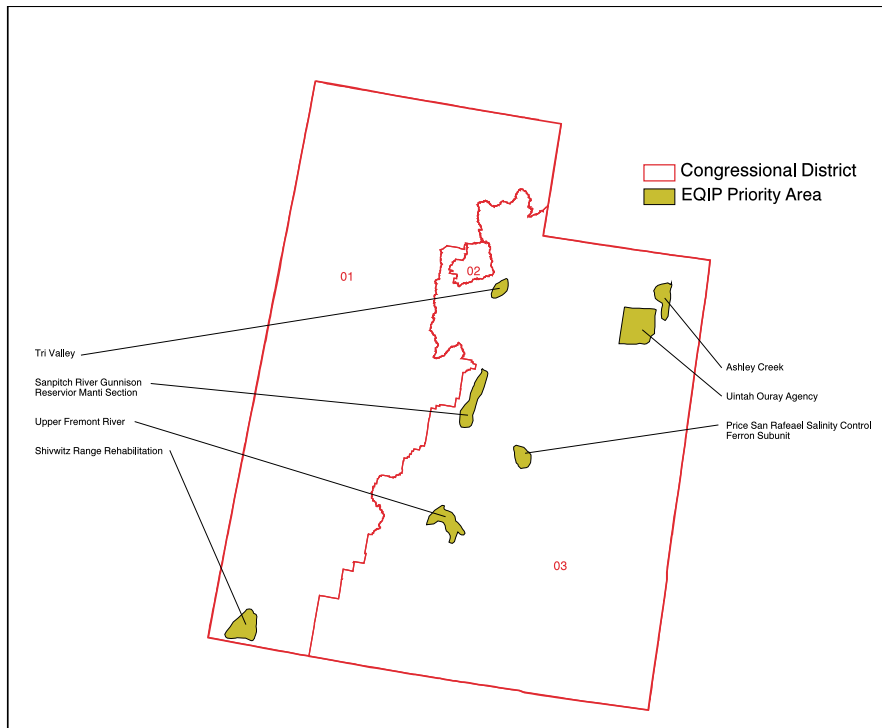
The annual requests of producers for over \$15 million dollars will continue to stress the EQIP program. The Colorado River Salinity Control (CRSC) Program continues to be funded less than what is needed. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) is \$15 million dollars ahead of EQIP in funding the off-farm projects. Irrigation companies are putting pressure on Congress to recognize the USA/Mexico treaty and fully fund the CRSC Program. Intense competition will continue for EQIP dollars.

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Utah EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



Utah EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	\$424,775	29	\$2,065,782	176
District 3	2,840,670	151	9,053,236	563
State Totals	\$3,265,445	180	\$11,119,018	739

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas, which may include more than one district.

Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns, which can be in any Congressional District in the state.

Source: FSA Recordset type01, data through 4th quarter FY2000

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